

as a satellite museum of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences."

(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 1998.

Requested by: Senators Martin of Pitt, Jenkins, Weinstein, Albertson, Perdue, Plyler, Odom, Representatives Mitchell, Baker, Carpenter, Hunter
MARINE FISHERIES APPEALS PANEL/ROTATE MEETING LOCATIONS

Section 14.2. Section 3(d) of Chapter 576 of the 1993 Session Laws, Regular Session 1994, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 770 of the 1993 Session Laws, Regular Session 1994, reads as rewritten:

"(d) During the moratorium, there shall be an Appeals Panel to consider license applications for new licenses.

- (1) The Appeals Panel shall consist of the Fisheries Director, the Chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission, and one other person selected by the Cochairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture to review hardship or emergency license cases.
- (2) The Marine Fisheries Commission shall adopt temporary rules to govern the operation of the Appeals Panel. The Appeals Panel is exempt from the provisions of Article 3 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. Decisions of the Appeals Panel shall be subject to judicial review under the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes.
- (3) The Appeals Panel may grant a license if it finds that the denial of the license application would create an emergency or hardship on the individual or the State. In no event shall the Appeals Panel grant a license when the total number of licenses in the specific category would exceed the number of licenses in effect on June 30, 1994.
- (4) The Appeals Panel may grant an emergency temporary license due to death, illness, or incapacity, for a period not to exceed 30 days. Emergency temporary licenses shall be limited to vessel crab licenses authorized under G.S. 113-153.1(d).
- (5) Beginning in November 1998, the Appeals Panel shall rotate the location of its meetings among the three districts of the State in the following order: Northeastern district, Central district, Southern district, Central district, Northeastern district, Central district, Southern district. The order of rotation is arranged so that the meeting location for every other meeting is in the Central district of the State. The meeting location for November 1998 shall be in the Northeastern district of the State and the rotation of the meeting locations shall continue as provided by this subdivision.

If an applicant who is appealing a licensing decision in accordance with this section requests in writing that the Appeals Panel schedule the person's hearing when it meets in that person's home district, the Appeals Panel shall calendar that person's hearing for his or her home district as requested."